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## CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- A four-day training session for diocesan deployment officers of the Episcopal Church was attended in February by 22 clergy and laity from 19 dioceses, the largest such program to date. The purpose of the training session, which was sponsored by the national Church Deployment Office, was to strengthen the ministry of the dioceses as they serve their parishes and clergy in the area of deployment, according to the Rev. Roddey Reid, Executive Director. The next training session will be held at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, Oct. 27-31. Applications may be sent to the Church Deployment Office, 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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BUKAVU, Zaire -- May 11 is the date of the inauguration of the new Anglican Province of Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire and the enthronement of its first archbishop. The Rt. Rev. Bezaleri Ndahura, Bishop of Boga-Zaire, has been elected archbishop -- for the second time. He had been declared winner of an election last fall but that decision was set aside for technical reasons. A second election in February confirmed the choice of Bishop Ndahura to head the new French-speaking province which is now linked with Uganda. The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, will preach at the historic service.

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NEW YORK -- The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine has announced the establishment of the Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., Chair of Sacred Music. The dedicatory service will be May 4 when Richard Westenburg conducts Claudio Monteverdi's "Vespers of 1610," the second offering in the annual series entitled, "Music for a Great Space." Dr. Bristol, who was a Cathedral Colleague and founder and first chairman of the Cathedral's Music Committee, died last year. The Bristol Chair will be filled by a distinguished director of sacred music, the Cathedral has indicated.

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. -- "Communications Center '80," a training event for persons who want to become better Christian communicators, will be held here at the national headquarters of American Baptist Churches in the USA, Aug. 3-8. The conference will concentrate on four electronic media ministries, with a 20-hour track offered in each, plus practical production and studio time for delegates to rehearse and actually create models for later use. The four tracks are: Radio Spot Production, Non-Broadcast Video, Creative Cassette Ministries, and Slide/Sound Show Production. Sonia Francis, Broadcast Officer at the Episcopal Church Center, is one of the coordinators of the radio spot track. Information may be secured from Sonia Francis (815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017) or CC '80, Division of Communication, American Baptist Churches, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

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DENVER -- A lectionary-based church school curriculum, entitled "Living the Good News," produced by the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, has just received its 800th subscriber, according to Mrs. Helen Barron, coordinator of the project. The curriculum, a new concept in Christian education, brings together families and the church community in shared faith and worship. Each Sunday's lesson uses the appointed scripture in the Lectionary. A complimentary sample packet of materials is available from Mrs. Barron at 600 Gilpin Street, Denver, Colo. 80218, Tel. 303/333-4929.

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JACKSON, Miss. -- The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church's General Convention will hold its first meeting of the 1980-82 triennium at O'Hare American Inn, Des Plaines, Ill., May 21-23, according to the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, who is convenor. Bishop Gray has invited anyone who has matters which need to be presented to the Commission to do so through him at the Diocese of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1636, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

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